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Weather Delays Opening of Some OHV Trails

Due to wet trail conditions, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will delay the opening of motorized trails in the Berkshires for about a week. Heavy April snow in the western part of the state has melted only recently, so trails are still wet and vulnerable to damage. Therefore, trails in Beartown State Forest, October Mountain State Forest, Pittsfield State Forest, and Tolland State Forest are scheduled to open on Wednesday, May 9.

In southeastern Massachusetts, off-highway motorcycle trails in three forests are opening on schedule, on Tuesday, May 1. There is no delay for trail openings at F. Gilbert Hills State Forest, Franklin State Forest, or Wrentham State Forest.

Freetown State Forest, however, has historically delayed its opening to accommodate a Native American event. Trails at Freetown will open to motorcycle use on Monday, May 7.

DCR thanks the state's trail riders for helping protect and sustain these trails by refraining from riding in some areas until conditions improve.

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